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The undersigned is authorized to sign this Power of Attorney by Assignee on behalf of the Assignee.

Executed at Montreal on the 29 day of November, 2004.

Wellstream International Limited

By \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

Wellstream International Limited is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above. Ownership by the Assignee is established as follows:

1. An Assignment from the inventors to Wellstream International Limited, which was recorded in the PTO at Reel 014656, Frames 0876-0878 (a copy of this Assignment is attached).

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## ASSIGNMENT

**WHEREAS**, we,

- (1) Helio Marins David Filho of Rio de Janeiro  
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(2) Marcio Henrique Albuquerque of Rio de Janeiro  
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have invented certain improvements in

# ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR STIFFENING A FLEXIBLE PIPE

for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, Serial No. 10/767,539, filed January 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Wellstream International Limited (Assignee), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of England and Wales, having a place of business at Wellstream House, Wincomblee Road, Walker Riverside, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 3PF, United Kingdom, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application in the United States of America and in any and all countries foreign thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, for One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Wellstream International Limited, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said application, and all divisional, renewal, substitutional, and continuing applications thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States of America, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, and all prior patents and patent applications from which a filing priority of the above-described patent application may be obtained, including the right to collect past damages; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States of America, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said invention to the said Wellstream International Limited, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

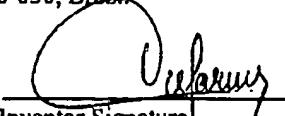
AND WE HEREBY covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to said Wellstream International Limited, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, renewal, substitutional, continuing, and reissue applications, make all rightful declarations and/or oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said Wellstream

International Limited, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

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